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"After thus devoting some moments to the examination of each other, M. Petit did some jugglery tricks which greatly diverted them, and drew from them the most bizarre demonstrations of pleasure and enthusiasm; but nothing surprised them more than to see M. Rouget stick a pin into the calf of his leg without showing the slightest pain, and without drawing a single drop of blood. At this wonder, they looked at each other in silence, and then, all together, they began to howl like madmen. Unfortunately for me, there were some pins among our presents, which they had begged of us. One of the men, wishing no doubt to ascertain whether I shared this insensibility which they had just admired, approached me without saying anything, and gave me such a dig in the leg with a pin that I could not restrain myself from uttering a cry of pain, all the sharper from the greatness of my surprise. [He then says he obtained the native words for several actions, but he does not state what the native words are.]"